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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

RE: PCT/EP00/06161
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Applicant: Heilemann, et al.
Title: PREPARATIONS THAT ARE DEVOID OF CROSS-LINKING AGENTS
Applicants' Reference: H 4289 PCT/US

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Prior to the calculation of fees and examination of the above-identified national stage application pursuant to the accompanying submission under 35 U.S.C. §371, please amend the English translation of the International Application submitted herewith, without prejudice, as follows:

In the Specification:

Please amend the instant Specification, without prejudice, as follows:

Please delete all text above line 12 of page 1, including the heading "Prior art", and replace the deleted matter with the following new section headings and title of the invention:

--TITLE OF THE INVENTION

Processes for Preparing Crosslinker-Free, Biopolymer-Containing
Three Dimensional Structures, and Products Prepared Thereby

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

At page 3, line 15 thereof, please delete the section heading "Description of the